

**Interim Chair:**

Erin Foley	Vice President for Student Affairs & Dean of Students	Klamath Falls
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**Members:**

Hassan Alhayek	Student Representative	Portland-Metro
Richard Bailey	Department of Business Management, ETM & FOAC Chair	Klamath Falls
John Harman	Vice President for Finance & Administration	Klamath Falls
Wendy Ivie	University Registrar	Klamath Falls
Erik Johnson	Director of Admissions	Klamath Falls
Joanna Mott	Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs	Klamath Falls
LeQuynhDao Nguyen	Student Representative	Portland-Metro
Rosanna Overholser	Department of Mathematics, HAS	Klamath Falls
Sasha Rabich	Student Representative	Klamath Falls
Peter Sherwood	Student Representative	Klamath Falls
Peter Wantuck	ASOIT President	Portland-Metro
Mason Wichmann	ASOIT President	Klamath Falls

**Additional Attendees:**

Ken Fincher	Vice President for Institutional Advancement	Klamath Falls
Jaron Hartman	Research Analyst for Institutional Research	Klamath Falls
Stephanie Pope	Assistant Vice President for Financial Operations	Klamath Falls
Nellie Stewart	Executive Assistant for Finance & Administration	Klamath Falls

**Minutes**

**Meeting called to order – Interim Chair Erin Foley**

*Chair Erin Foley* called the meeting to order at 8:04 am.

**1. Tuition Recommendation Committee Principles**

Review of TRC Charge.

Meeting materials and Campus Open Forum information posted on the website:  
<https://www.oit.edu/finance-administration/tuition-recommendation-committee>

**2. Forums and other feedback**

*Chair Erin Foley* shared compliments to Mason Wichmann and Peter Wantuck for their work and efforts in presenting at the TRC Campus Open Forums.

*Provost Mott* echoed the compliments and was impressed with the presentations.

*Mason Wichmann* noticed a difference in Portland-Metro and Klamath Falls students. Portland-Metro students are very much against a tuition increase for various reasons, while Klamath Falls students were open to the idea and just had questions about understanding the overall budget and pressures.

*Peter Wantuck* shared that one student came prepared with research and facts with a planned opinion.

*Provost Mott* noticed low attendance at the Portland-Metro campus forum.

*Peter Wantuck* added that the Portland-Metro students have different needs and many of them work full time and pay for their own tuition out of pocket. It is very much a commuter campus.

*Mason Wichmann* added that students do notice that tuition has increased every year and is a different amount than when first applied to be a student. He suggested waiting on the enrollment numbers and the state funding model and possible federal funding for the possibility of decreasing tuition by 1%. Students would appreciate this approach.

*Erin Foley* added that the budget numbers will need to be established to know what funding amount would be required for a decrease in tuition by 1%. She added that the state budget forecast is unpredictable.

*Sasha Rabich* agreed to a variable scale with reasonable metrics.

*Peter Wantuck* agreed with the approach and shared that there will be many unhappy students with an increase.

*Mason Wantuck* shared concern for if there is a flat increase also increasing the differentials at the same percentage and suggested a smaller percentage to the differential tuition.

*Stephanie Pope* shared that a tuition increase of 5% or higher would require review by HECC.

*Rosanna Overholser* added that we look at the Portland-Metro population percentage of students paying differential tuition and we may want to balance out the differential.

*LeQuynhDao Nguyen* added that many students are in difficult situations, loss of jobs, supporting families, paying for tuition out of pocket. There are less resources at the Portland-Metro campus and issues broken chairs. If tuition is raised, students may have to take a term off.

*John Harman* shared that there is a history of state funding declining each year requiring the university to rely more on tuition revenue. The other issue is that costs continue to increase for the university. There is a potential state funding loss of \$2 million and a possibility of additional federal funding that we will need to understand the guidance and allowed usage.

*Peter Wantuck* shared that the Portland-Metro campus has a chair replacement issue, not just in one room. The wi-fi has just recently been worked on. There are multiple rooms with power access issues and tripping hazards with floor panels. Because of the massive complaints, ASOIT

used some funding to improve this, when really ASOIT should not have to deal with these types of facility items. The other thing that Portland-Metro students notice is that there are continued improvements, new buildings, and new positions for the Klamath Falls campus but not to the Portland-Metro campus. It's hard to balance the different campuses, different campuses, and different needs.

*Stephanie Pope* shared that some of these issues were identified last year and funds were allocated to Portland-Metro campus from Capital Improvement and Renewal funds. There are some fund restrictions depending on the funding source. She added that there needs to be a better mechanism for campus improvements and issues with academic equipment and facilities.

*Provost Mott* shared concern for the lack of communication. She added that ASOIT meets monthly with Associate Provost Abdy Afjeh and should be discussing any issues and if they are not academic, they can be redirected to other departments.

*Sasha Rabich* shared that there does seem to be a knowledge gap on how money is being spent.

### **3. Recommendation development**

### **4. Next Meeting**

Friday, March 11, at 8:00 am.

**Meeting Adjourned**– *Interim Chair Erin Foley*

*Chair Erin Foley* adjourned the meeting at 8:52 am.